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Cholly Knickerbocker Says: Ex-King Peter Snubs Gaiety

THE GOSSIP MILL: Gloria Vanderbilt Stokowski's former lawyer, Fanny Holzman, is threatening to start suit against her erstwhile client and friend. Claims Gloria owes her for back legal fees.

NEWS THAT WEALTHY ex-King Umberto of Italy, considered one of the rich of ex-kings, did not give a dowry to his daughter, 20-year-old Princess Miria Pia, who was married to Prince Alexander of Yugoslavia in Portugal on Saturday, has caused considerable surprise in aristocratic circles. Prince Alexander, son of the former Regent, Prince Paul, is not rich. His only income is derived from his job on the staff of Greek millionaire ship owner Stavros Niarchos.

Maria Pia, however, is no pauper. She has money of her own left to her under the will of her grandfather, King Victor Emanuel, who died in 1945 and left an enormous fortune.

At any rate, Umberto gave his daughter a truly royal wedding. Royalty and nobility flocked from all over the world to tiny Estoril, which in recent years has become the Port of Missing Kings.



● Ex-King Peter of Yugoslavia

Only notable absence was that of ex-King Peter of Yugoslavia, a cousin of the bridegroom, and his recently-reconciled wife, ex-Queen Alexandra. In bittersweet tones, which only emphasized his not-too-friendly feeling toward his more popular cousin, Peter said:

"At this time when so many of my people at home are oppressed and in want, I do not think it right for the queen and myself to join in the festivities and gaieties of the wedding party."

That's a noble sentiment, Peter, but what about all the other festivities and gaieties in which you have been participating all these years when your people were not less oppressed and wanting?

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